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SUBJECT: HIGHLIGHTS

I. ATMOSPHERICS AND MEDIA REACTION:

U.S.-CHINA POLICY

PRC DEVELOPMENTS, U.S. ELECTIONS AND REMARKS BY SECRETARY KISSINGER ALL RECEIVED PROMINENT TREATMENT BY NEWS MEDIA AND GAVE RISE TO SPECULATION ON U.S.-CHINA POLICY. PRC FACTION STRUGGLES WERE DISCUSSED AT LENGTH IN COMMENTARY AND ANALYSIS WITH COMMON LINE WARNING AGAINST ILLUSION PRC STABILITY UNDER "MODERATES" AND PREDICTING IMMINENT FALL HUA KUO-FENG. U.S. ELECTIONS WERE ANALYZED IN LARGEST DAILY UNITED DAILY NEWS (LIEN HO PAO; 380,000) BY NYSU PROFESSOR TAO LUNG-SHENG WHO CONCLUDED U.S.-CHINA POLICY WOULD NOT CHANGE "PRECIPITOUSLY OR COMPLETELY" NO MATTER WHO PRESIDENT. IN FIRST OF SERIES ARTICLES, CHINA TIMES (CHUNG KUO SHIH PAO; 350,000) WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT JACKINCOW SAID: FOR-CARTER DEBATE STATEMENTS ON ROC NEED CLARIFICATION; AMERICAN STATEMENTS AGAINST ABANDONING ROC UNRELATED CONTINUATION U.S.-ROC RELATIONS, BUT MEAN NOT GIVING UP ROC WITHOUT CONDITIONS; TAIWAN ISSUE WILL CONTINUE AS OBSTACLE TO U.S.-PRC NORMALIZATION EFFORTS; AND ROC NUCLEAR POTENTIAL NEW ELEMENT IN SOLUTION TAIWAN ISSUE. KISSINGER

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SPEECH, OCTOBER 22, TO SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA PRODUCED

EDITORIAL IN CHINA TIMES CRITICIZING "POWER AND PRAGMATIC" DIPLOMACY OF NIXON AND KISSINGER. PAPER HOPED NEXT PRESIDENT ADVOCATES "MORALITY AND MORAL COURAGE" TO RESTORE U.S. HONOR AND CREDIBILITY FOR GOOD FREE WORLD.

U.S-PRC RELATIONS

ANALYSIS IN INFLUENTIAL CENTRAL DAILY NEWS (CHUNG YANG JIH PAO; 270,000) DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY U.S. MILITARY AID TO PRC, CITING VARIOUS SOURCES (E.G., JEROME COHEN, ETC.) ALTHOUGH ANALYST DECIDED U.S. PURSUING AID QUESTION "SLOWLY AND CAUTIOUSLY," HE NOTED IT COULD BECOME "CIRCUITOUS ROUTE" FOR ESTABLISHING RELATIONS WITH PRC WHILE AVOIDING TAIWAN ISSUE.

THIRD FORD-CARTER DEBATE

PAPERS PROMINENTLY PLAYED THIRD DEBATE ON INSIDE INTERNATIONAL PAGE WITHOUT COMMENT. MEDIA COVERAGE MODERATE BASED ON WIRE SERVICE REPORTS.

NEWSWEEK AND TIME INTERNATIONAL OCTOBER 25 CLEARED CENSORSHIP WITH ONLY MAO-HUA PIX OVERSTAMPED WITH CHINESE CHARACTER FOR "BANDIT."

II. PROGRAM ACTIVITIES:

IN ANOTHER PHASE OF LIBRARY OUTREACH PROGRAM, TAICHUNG BPAO SHERIDAN BELL TOOK BOOK COLLECTION TITLES DEALING WITH U.S. POLITICAL SYSTEM, INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, LITERATURE TO CARTER-FORD VIDEOTAPE DEBATE SHOWING AT TUNG HAI UNIVERSITY. RESULT: 40 STUDENTS BORROWED BOOKS AND 80 REGISTERED AS NEW LIBRARY MEMBERS.

WORLD TODAY CIRCULATION TAIWAN CONTINUES GOOD IN FACE SOFT MARKET FOR MOST MAGAZINES. ONE AID TO SALES HAS BEEN RESTORATION OF WORLD TODAY IN FIRST CLASS TRAINS SINCE LAST APRIL, FOLLOWING PERSONAL CALL EFFORTS BY USIS HONG KONG'S DAVID WANG IN CONCERT WITH DISTRIBUTOR COMMERCIAL DISTRIBUTOR AND POST'S EMPLOYEES. RAILWAY ADMINISTRATION NOW TAKES 500 COPIES EACH ISSUE, AND USIS TAIPEI OFFICERS HAVE PERSONALLY CHECKED USAGE ON TRAINS, UNCLASSIFIED

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WHICH FROM DOGEARED CONDITION INDICATES HIGH READERSHIP.

TO ADD CHINESE APPRECIATION OF AMERICA'S INTELLECTUAL INTEREST IN CHINA, ALL FOUR USIS CENTERS IN OCTOBER PROGRAMMED LECTURE "CHINESE STUDIES IN AMERICA" BY FATHER JOHN DEENEY, PROFESSOR OF COMPARATIVE LITERATURE AT NATIONAL TAIWAN UNIVERSITY. A JESUIT PRIEST WITH MORE THAN 10 YEARS RESIDENCE IN TAIWAN, DEENEY LECTURED IN FLUENT MANDARIN CHINESE FOR PRIMARILY

UNIVERSITY STUDENT AUDIENCES OF 80 AT USIS TAICHUNG, 180 AT CHENGKUNG UNIVERSITY IN TAINAN, 80 AT USIS KAOHSIUNG AND 150 AT USIS TAIPEI. DEENEY'S LECTURE FILLED WITH FACTS AND STATISTICS SHOWING AMERICA'S PREEMINENT POSITION IN CHINA STUDIES -- DUE TO SUBSTANTIAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING AND SCIENTIFIC AND INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACHES WHICH CAME AFTER WORLD WAR II -- AND MUSHROOMING OF INTEREST IN CHINESE CULTURE IN RECENT YEARS. DEENEY'S LECTURE WELL RECEIVED AND POST FEELS CONTRIBUTED TO APPRECIATION OF DYNAMISM OF AMERICAN HIGHER EDUCATION AS WELL AS AMERICAN INTEREST IN CHINA.

ICS-SUPPLIED EXHIBIT ART-USA: SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ENDED MODERATELY SUCCESSFUL 14-DAY DISPLAY IN TAIPEI'S LINCOLN CENTER OCTOBER 25. POST PRINTED 20-PAGE CATALOG USING COLOR PLATES PROVIDED BY USIS JAPAN AND OPENED EXHIBIT WITH RECEPTION FOR SOME 125 ARTISTS, GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, ACADEMIC AND MEDIA CONTACTS OCTOBER 12. OPENING AND POST PUBLICITY EFFORTS DREW LITTLE MEDIA COVERAGE, HOWEVER. OVERALL, EXHIBIT GENERATED LITTLE EXCITEMENT AMONG TAIPEI'S ART AUDIENCES, AS INDICATED BY ROUTINE TURNOUT OF 2,100 VIEWERS. SOME VIEWERS COMMENTED EXHIBIT NOT VERY IMPRESSIVE OR REALLY REPRESENTATIVE OF WHAT THEY UNDERSTAND IS BEST IN CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN ART. MOST FAVORABLE COMMENTS CAME FROM YOUNGER, WESTERN-ORIENTED ARTISTS WHO FOUND QUALITY OF PAINTINGS MIXED BUT FELT SHOW NONETHELESS WORTH SEEING BECAUSE WORKS DEMONSTRATE NEW STYLES AND USE OF NEW MATERIALS WHICH REPRESENTS CREATIVE FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE OF AMERICAN ARTISTS. EXHIBIT NOW TRAVELING DOWN ISLAND FOR SHOWINGS AT THREE BRANCH POSTS. AYERS

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